Educationally Backward Districts in Orissa

3432. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the educationally backward districts of Orissa; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to eliminate their educational backwardness?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Educationally backward districts having less than national average rate of literacy in the State of Orissa as per 1981 Census are: Sambalpur, Sundargarh, Kendujhar, Meyurbhanj, Koraput, Phulbani, Balangir, Kalahandi and Ganjam.

(b) There are a number of programmes under implementation in the areas of Elementary Education and Adult Education. Further under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes such as Operation Blackboard, Teacher Education, Non-Formal Education and Adult Education Programmes, financial assistance is provided to the State Governments for educational development. The State Govts/UT Administrations have been advised to concentrate on backward districts.

Report on Archaeology of Ramayana Sites

3433. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the final report on the project relating to the Archaeology of the Ramayana Sites has been compile and submitted to the Government;

(b) the total cost of the project upto the stage of compilation;

(c) whether the Government propose to publish the report; and

(d) if so, the expected date thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Preliminary reports and research papers on the project relating to the 'Archaeology of the Ramayana Sites' have already been published.

(b) Since the project was taken up as a part if ongoing programmes of the Archaeological Survey of India, no separate cost of the project has been maintained. Besides, it was a joint project of the Indian Institute of Advanced Study and the Archaeological Survey of India.

(c) and (d). Yes, Sir. Preliminary reports on the findings of the project have already been published.

Nominees in Governing Bodies of Colleges

3434. SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the name, educational qualification, profession and occupation of the persons nominated by the Delhi Administration to the governing body of various colleges in Delhi;

(b) the term of office of the nominees; and

(c) the criteria adopted by the Delhi Administration in selecting the nominees?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) A Statement is attached.